For your reading enjoyment here is the current club news and information, game reports and stories to follow as the season progresses,

Any club member who wishes to make a submission, please email myself at davidmillard@shaw.ca. I will be issuing a biweekly newsletter on the 1st and 15th of each month.

**Current Club Information (Important action required by all members)**

I will be repeating this information until Darren tells me to “Stop”, It is up to you guys.

**2017-18 Rugby Canada Registration**

Rugby Canada Registration is up and running. We have had a few successful registrations now. The link to start registration is: [https://reg.sportlomo.com/rugbycanada](https://reg.sportlomo.com/rugbycanada)

Note: payment screen will look different. In addition payment at this time is via credit card VISA or M/C (don’t know about American Express). PayPal is not setup properly at this time. The cost is $60.85 total for Masters registration.

**Club Dues 2017-18 (Important action required by all members)**

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Ebbtide club dues are unchanged at $200 for the upcoming season this amount covers the operational expenses of the club, members earliest payment is required.

For past members who wish to support the club efforts the social dues is $50.00 and your support is appreciated.

**Note:** If you need to make arrangements for payments contact Jim Capron the Club Treasurer.

Please pay your dues to Jim Capron. Make cheques payable to Ebb Tide RFC. Interac transfers are also accepted.

**Thrifty's Smile Card**

Our fundraising application has been accepted by Thrifty Foods for another year.

Members can use the same cards. When using the card, Thrifty Foods gives back 5% of the purchases to the club up to a maximum of $2000. There is **no cost to use the card**.

You simply load it like a prepaid card with your credit card. If you shop at Thrifty Foods and would like a card, please send an email to Knoxie at daveknox@shaw.ca
Message from the Quartermaster
David Valentine has provided the current costs of Club Kit please review Ebb Tide RFC website for further information.
New Golf Shirts $35.00 ea
New T Shirts Red or Black trim $18.00 ea
Socks $15.00 Pr
Jersey's $80.00 includes number
Shorts $35.00 pr
Crests for Blazers 35.00
Ties $25.00
Toques $15.00

Law Changes submitted by David Valentine (Referee)
The following law changes that will effect our games are as follows:

The six aspects of law approved to join the global trial programme are:

1. Law 20.5 and 20.6 (d)
No signal from referee. The scrum-half must throw the ball in straight but is allowed to align their shoulder on the middle line of the scrum, therefore allowing them to stand a shoulder width towards their own side of the middle line.
Rationale: To promote scrum stability, a fair contest for possession while also giving the advantage to the team throwing in (non-offending team).

2. Law 20.9 (b) Handling in the scrum – exception
The number eight shall be allowed to pick the ball from the feet of the second-rows.
Rationale: To promote continuity.

3. Law 20.8 (b) Striking after the throw-in
Once the ball touches the ground in the tunnel, any front-row player may use either foot to try to win possession of the ball. One player from the team who put the ball in must strike for the ball.
Sanction: Free-kick
Rationale: To promote a fair contest for possession.

4. Law 15.4 (c)
The tackler must get up before playing the ball and then can only play from their own side of the tackle "gate".
Rationale: To make the tackle/ruck simpler for players and referees and more consistent with the rest of that law.

5. Law 16 Ruck
A ruck commences when at least one player is on their feet and over the ball which is on the ground (tackled player, tackler). At this point the offside lines are created. Players on their feet may use their hands to pick up the ball as long as this is immediate. As soon as an opposition player arrives, no hands can be used.
Rationale: To make the ruck simpler for players and referees.
6. Law 16.4: Other ruck offences
A player must not kick the ball out of a ruck. The player can only hook it in a backwards motion.

Sanction: Penalty

Rationale: To promote player welfare and to make it consistent with scrum law.

The six new aspects of law were part of the original 2015 laws review process, and were recommended to move to closed trial to provide a further analysis opportunity before global trial could be considered.

Ebb Tide RFC Current Events

Remembrance: Rick Brown

Barry Wheelhouse was informed that Rick Brown VVRFC had collapsed on the Langley pitch playing silly buggers on August 30th at the Wednesday practise night and could not be revived. He just turned 70 last week. Sad loss to the Rugby Community.

Rick joined Ebb Tide RFC for 1992 Japan Tour and was well known within the club at that time. If any of the retired club members wish to share any memories of Rick please email myself at davidmillard@shaw.ca and I will post them in the next newsletter and forward them to David Knox for the Club records.

Kelowna Ten Aside Preseason Tournament

Eight road warriors travelled by bus on Saturday to join the advance party of six Ebb Tide members already in Kelowna. Due to a failure to communicate the bus picking us up at the ferry terminal was 1.5 hours late, Best laid plans are always subject to “MURPHY’S LAW.” So by the time the bus boys got to Kelowna the advance party had already played but unfortunately suffered a loss to the Evergreens. Bolstered by fresh troops we tied Abbotsford and beat Calgary. The tournament finished with a barbarian 15 a side match – the Red team was captained by our own Paul Eby.

Paul’s Captains Report was one word “EPIC” not sure how to take from that comment but “ROAD CODE” is in effect.

There were many glorious moments on Saturday, some of them on the pitch and some in the bar(s) later hopefully photos to follow at a later date!

Man of the matches was our Beloved Dr Bob Love who was taping and bandaging players pretty steadily. Sounds by reports he was running a MASH UNIT and they choppering in the wounded.

Ebbtide RFC “THE GAMES BEGIN”

September 24th Ebbtide RFC vs Nanaimo Yoos To Bees

League play begins September 24th with Ebbtide RFC vs Nanaimo Yoos To Bees it is an away game in Nanaimo we will need everyone make an effort to attend this game. It will be a Dunbar Challenge Cup match for “Bragging Rights” for the first half of the season are on the line. Let’s get off to a good start to the season.

Maori All Blacks – Canada game (SOLD OUT)
HSBC Vancouver Sevens 2018 Tickets
Once again Steve Barron has booked and organized a section of 985 seats for the next
Vancouver 7's this coming March 10/11, 2018. Tickets are $160 for the 2 day event.
Steve has allotted 80 tickets for Ebb Tide and maybe more to come. Seating for us similar to
last year too. So first come first served.
As of Thursday Sept.14th 62 spots have been spoken for and they are going fast as it is a hot
item so make plans early
Let Jim Capron know by email (jcapron@shaw.ca) if you are interested and how many tickets
you need. Jim will relay this info back to Steve requesting a block of tickets for Ebb Tide as
well as requesting a lower seating arrangement than last year.
New Orleans Tour Oct 2016
The tour is in the final stages and everyone is getting “Game Fit”, many members attended
the Kelowna 10 aside tournament as a practice run to check their endurance levels. As Rick
Kotizen always advises “it’s not Sprint! It’s a Marathon! Hopefully there will be some Club
Reporters posting up on Facebook for the rest of us to enjoy.
Incoming Tours
We have two incoming tours confirmed in May 2018 they are Osaka Gentleman and
Wheatley Hills Veterans there will be two completely different styles of hosting, club members
are ask to step up and assist with the hosting, as usual “many hands makes light work”.
Osaka Gentlemen RFC
The Gentlemen from Osaka will be arriving in Victoria on Saturday April 28th 2018 and playing
the Ebb Tide on Sunday April 29th 2018.
Details of a welcome on Saturday evening and venue and kickoff time for the game are still to
be worked out nearer the date.
Wheatley Hill Veterans
The Veterans are, a Yorkshire club, this will be a competitive game but fun casual event, we
may need Andy Dunstan to act as our interpreter, more information with be provided as the
hosting is defined and developed.